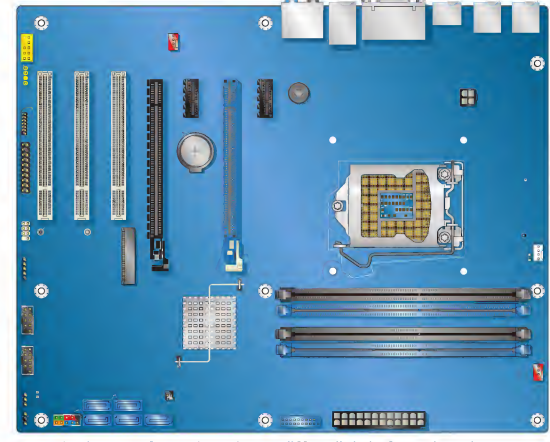# Intel® Desktop Board DH87MC Integration Guide

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This guide contains basic instructions for installing the desktop board in a compatible chassis. For a complete description of the board and its features, refer to the Technical Product Specification at:
http://www.intel.com/products/motherboard.

The layout of your board may differ slightly from that shown.

G85206-002

Before You Begin

Follow these guidelines before you begin building your system:

- Electrostatic discharge (ESD) can damage components. Perform the procedures described in this guide only at an ESD workstation using an antistatic wrist strap and a conductive foam pad. If such a station is not available, you can provide some ESD protection by wearing an antistatic wrist strap and attaching it to a metal part of the computer chassis.
- Always follow the steps in each procedure in the listed order.
- Set up a log to record information about your computer such as serial numbers, installed options, and BIOS configuration.

Installation Precautions

When you install the desktop board, observe all warnings and cautions in this guide. To avoid injury, be careful of:
- Sharp pins on headers and connectors
- Rough edges and sharp corners on the chassis
- Damage to wires that could cause a short circuit

Observe Safety and Regulatory Requirements

Read and follow the instructions in this guide and the instructions supplied with the chassis and associated devices. If you do not follow these instructions and the instructions provided by the chassis and device suppliers, you increase your safety risk and possibility of noncompliance with regional laws and regulations.

1 Install the I/O Shield

Place the I/O shield inside the chassis and press it into place so that it fits tightly and securely.
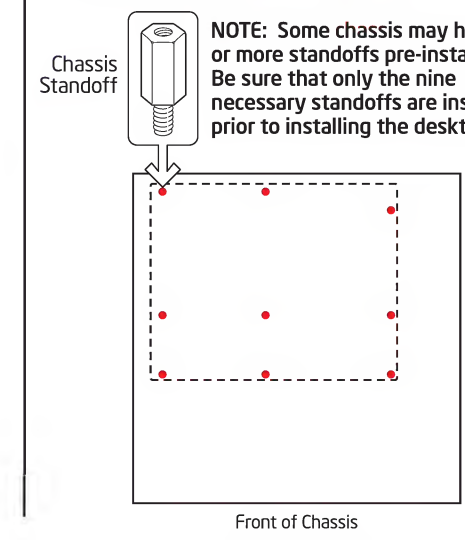*Use caution so you do not deform the I/O shield.*

Rear of Chassis
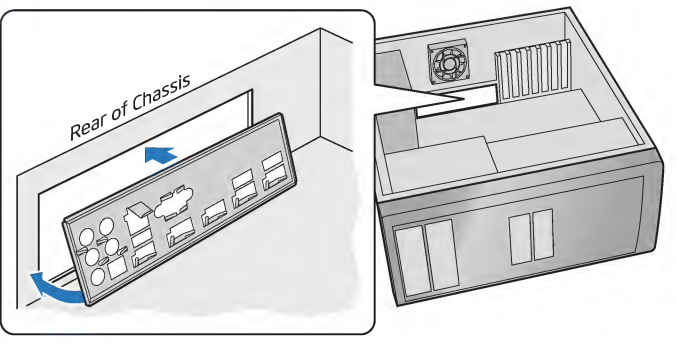
Reference chassis shown, your chassis may differ.

2 Install the Desktop Board

A. Install Standoffs

Nine standoffs should be installed into the chassis before installing the desktop board. Locate the threaded standoff holes that match the desktop board, and install a standoff at each location indicated by the RED circles.

Chassis Standoff

NOTE: Some chassis may have one or more standoffs pre-installed. Be sure that only the nine necessary standoffs are installed prior to installing the desktop board.
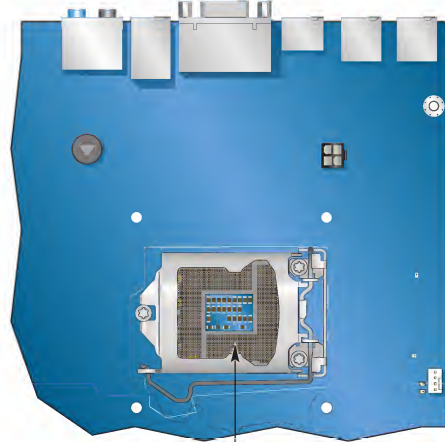
Front of Chassis

B. Install the Desktop Board

Install the desktop board by aligning the back panel with the I/O shield and securing the board to the standoffs using the screws provided with your chassis.
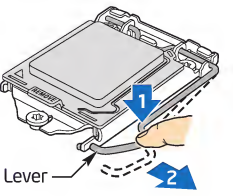
I/O Shield
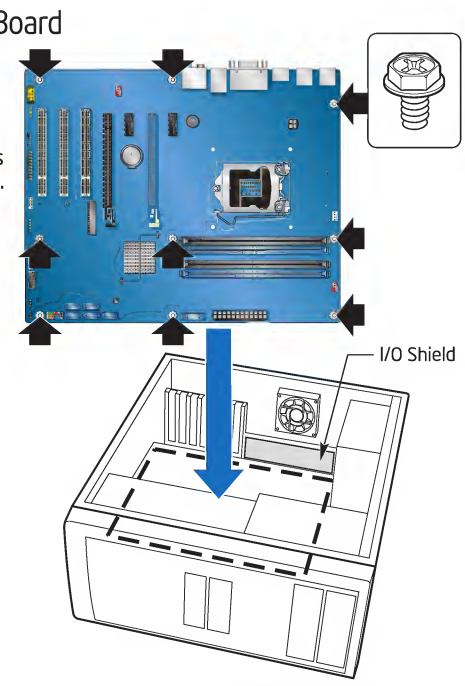
3 Install a Processor

For a list of processors this board supports, go to:
http://processormatch.intel.com.

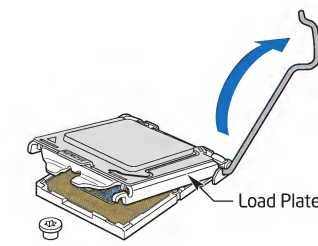LGA1150 Processor Socket

A. Unlatch the Socket Lever

Push the lever down and away from the socket to release it.
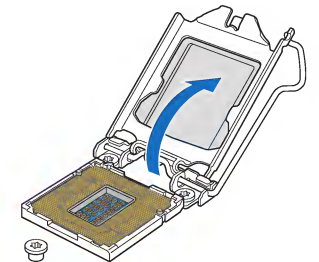
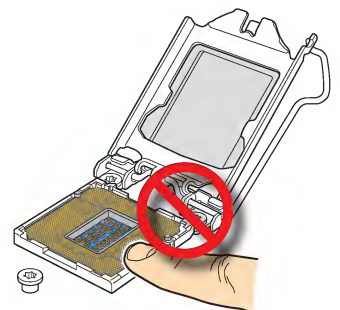Lever

B. Open the Load Plate

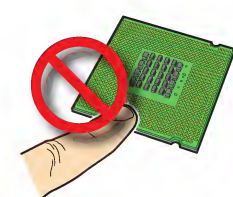(A) Rotate the socket lever to lift the load plate away from the socket.

(B) Make sure the load plate is in the fully open position.

Load Plate

⚠ When opening the socket, DO NOT TOUCH the gold socket contacts.

⚠ When unpacking a processor, hold by the edges only to avoid touching the gold contacts.

C. Install the Processor

⚠ The processor must align correctly with the socket before installation.
DO NOT DROP the processor into the socket.

(A) Hold the processor with your thumb and index finger as shown to align your fingers with the socket cutouts.

(B) Make sure that the processor Pin 1 indicator (gold triangle) is aligned with the Pin 1 chamfer on the socket.

(C) Make sure that the notches on the processor align with the posts on the socket.

(D) Lower the processor straight down without tilting or sliding it in the socket.

Socket Cutout
Pin 1
Socket Cutout
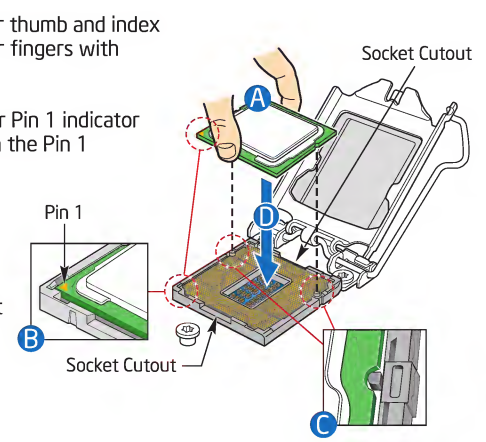
D. Close the Load Plate and Secure the Socket Lever

(A) Carefully lower the load plate and make sure it slides under the shoulder screw cap as the lever is lowered.

(B) Continue to lower the lever and the socket cover will pop off.

(C) Latch the socket lever under the load plate tab.

(D) Pick up the socket cover and remove it from the board.

NOTE: Save the socket cover and replace it if the processor is removed.

Socket Cover
Shoulder Screw Cap
Load Plate Tab
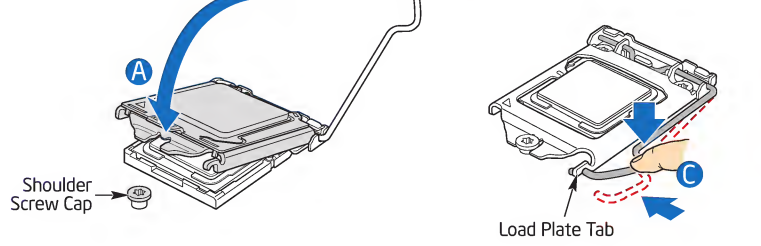
4 Install a Heatsink

NOTE: Heatsinks that come with boxed Intel® processors use pre-applied thermal interface material (TIM) and do not need thermal grease. If you install a different heatsink, refer to the manufacturer's instructions.

⚠ Do not touch or disturb the TIM on the heatsink during installation.

Typical heatsink shown, yours may differ.

(A) Place the heatsink onto the processor socket.
Ensure that the fan power cable is on the side closest to the processor fan header.

(B) Align the four fasteners with the corresponding board holes.
Ensure that the fastener slots are pointing perpendicular to the heatsink.

Incorrect Orientation

Fastener (Correct Orientation)

Pre-applied TIM (underneath)

(C) While pressing down on the heatsink, press down on the top of the fasteners with your thumb to lock into place.
Ensure that all four fasteners are secured.

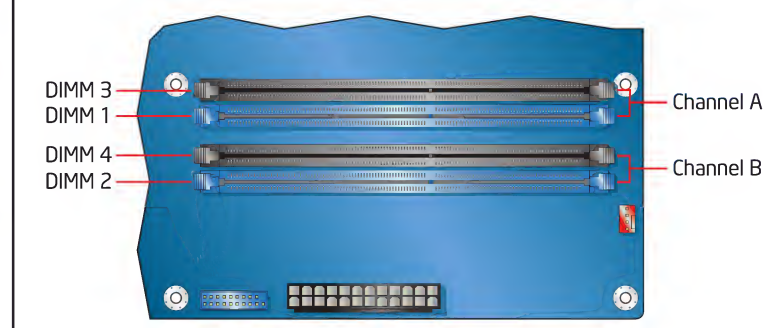(D) Connect the heatsink fan power cable to the processor fan header.

Processor Fan Header
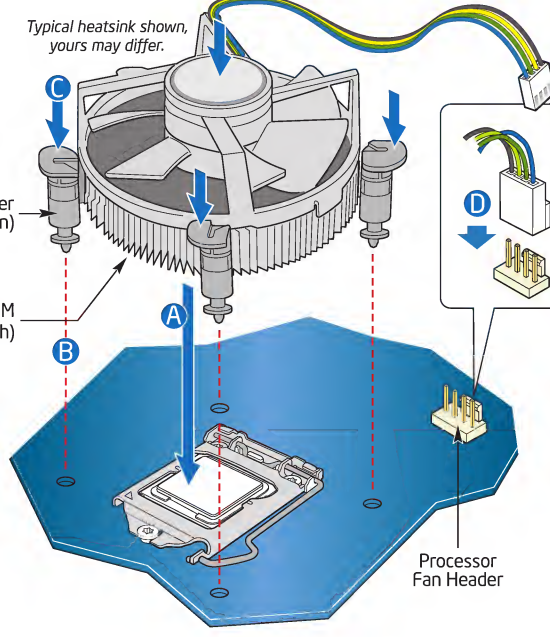
5 Install System Memory

Suggested Memory Configurations and Population Order

NOTE: This desktop board supports 240-pin DDR3 DIMMs only.

For a list of tested memory go to: http://www.intel.com/support/go/buildit.

DIMM 3
DIMM 1
DIMM 4
DIMM 2
Channel A
Channel B

Minimum memory: 1 GB 1366 MHz DDR3 DIMM.
Memory should be installed in DIMM number order:
- For single-channel operation, populate Slot 1 or Slots 1 and 3.
- For dual-channel operation, populate Slot 1 and Slot 2 or Slots 1, 2, 3, and 4.
For best performance, DIMM pairs should be identical in size, speed, and organization.

⚠ Do not touch the gold contacts when handling or installing DIMMs.

(A) Push both socket levers outward to the open position.

(B) Position the DIMM above the socket, aligning the small notch at the bottom edge of the DIMM with the key in the socket.

(C) Insert the bottom edge of the DIMM into the socket.

(D) With even pressure, push down on the top edge of the DIMM until the socket levers snap into place.

(E) Ensure that both socket levers are in the closed position.

Closed Position
Socket Lever
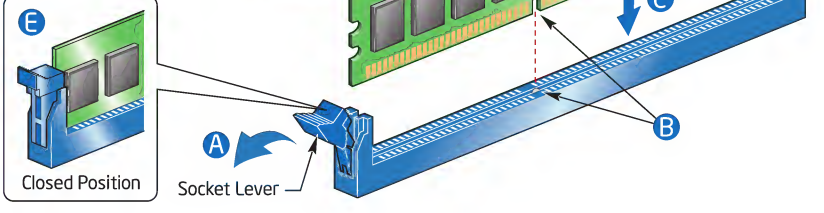
6 Connect Chassis Fans

This desktop board has two fan headers for connecting chassis fans. See the details below for connecting either a 3-wire or a 4-wire fan to the desktop board fan headers.

NOTE: The pin numbering for the fan connectors is shown for ease of installation.

Rear Fan Header (4-pin)

3-wire Fan Installation
4-wire Fan Installation

Front Fan Header (4-pin)
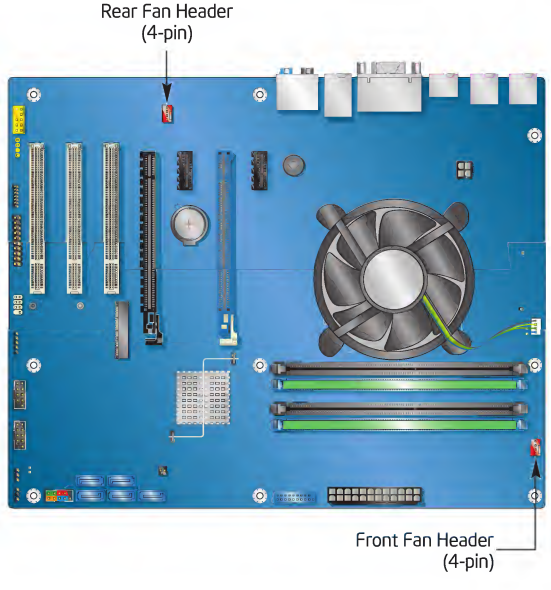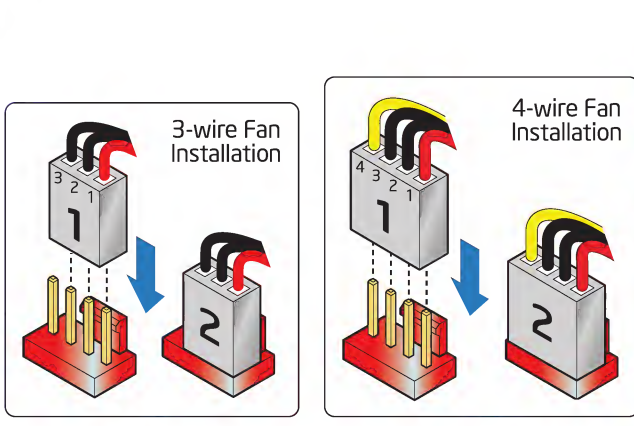
7 Connect Chassis Front Panel Cables

Make the front panel connections as shown in the diagram below.

NOTE: This desktop board provides two options for connecting the front panel power LED; only make one connection.

Front Panel Connector

HDD LED
RESET SW
PWR LED
PWR LED
POWER SW

Alternate Front Panel Power LED Header

PWR LED
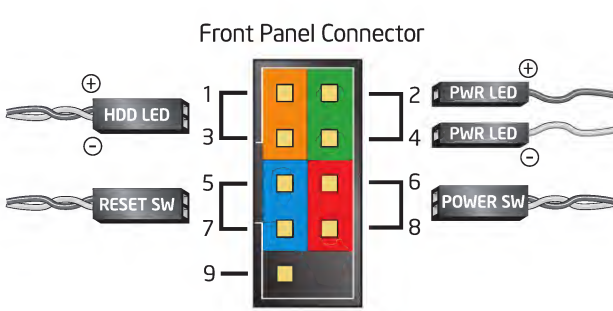
Your chassis cables may vary in appearance and labeling depending upon the chassis model.

Alternate Front Panel Power LED Header
Front Panel Connector

8 Install a PCI Express* Mini Card (Optional)

This step shows how to install both a PCI Express Half-Mini Card and a PCI Express Full-Mini Card, choose the installation that matches your configuration.

Half-Mini Card Position
Full-Mini Card Position
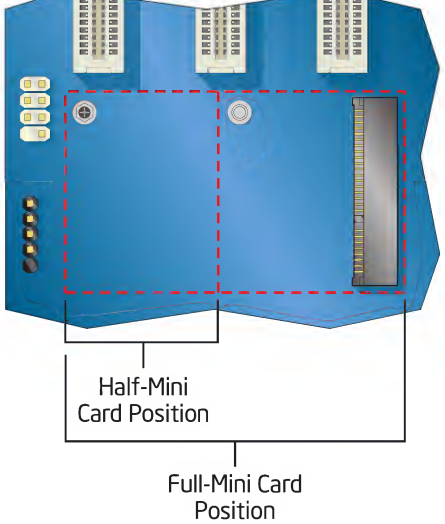
PCI Express Half-Mini Card Installation

(A) Remove the screw and the standoff from the Full-Mini Card position.

(B) Install the standoff into the Half-Mini Card position.

(C) Align the notch in the card with the socket key and insert the card at a slightly upward angle as shown.

(D) Push down on the card and secure with a screw.
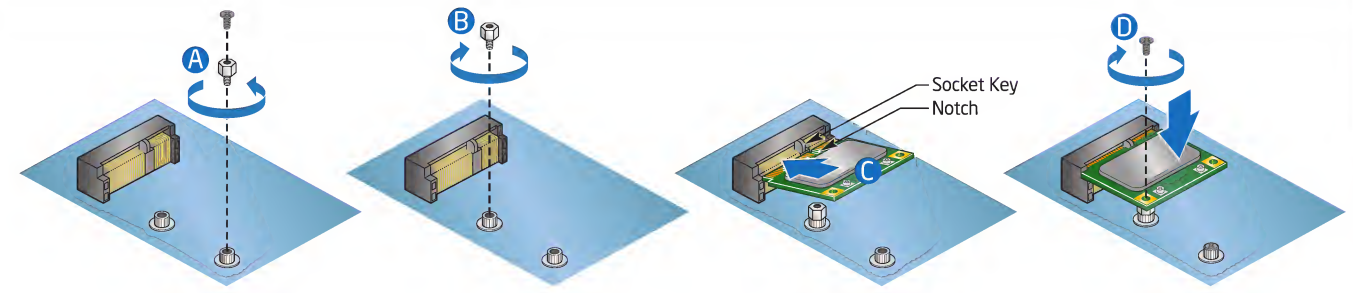
Socket Key
Notch

PCI Express Full-Mini Card Installation

(A) Verify that the standoff is in the correct location and remove the screw.

(B) Align the notch in the card with the socket key and insert the card at a slightly upward angle as shown.

(C) Push down on the card and secure with a screw.

Socket Key
Notch
Correct Location
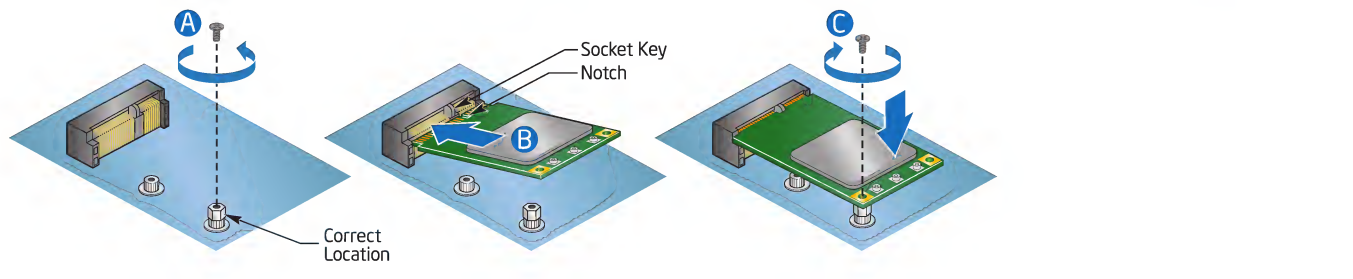
9 Install a PCI Express x16 Graphics Card (Optional)

A. Install a PCI Express x16 Graphics Card

A Place a card in the PCI Express 3.0 x16 connector and press down on the card until it is completely seated in the connector and the card retention notch on the card snaps into place around the retention mechanism pin on the connector.

B Secure the card's metal bracket to the chassis back panel with a screw.

The graphics card shown is for reference purposes only. Chassis back panel not shown for clarity.
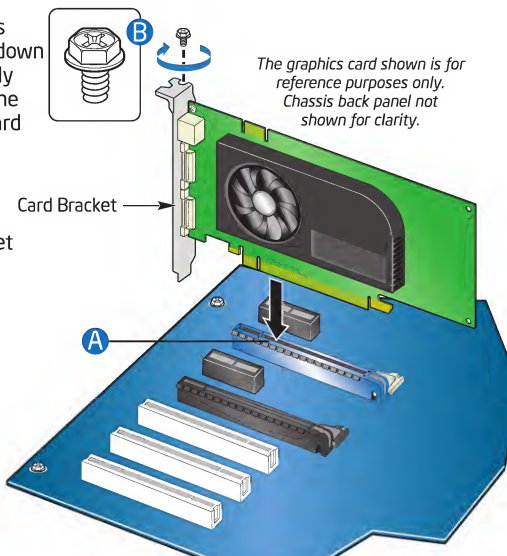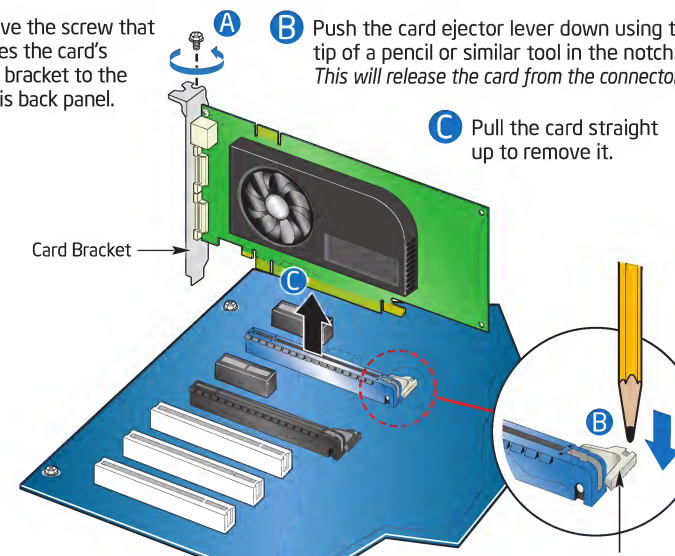
Card Bracket

B. Remove a PCI Express x16 Graphics Card

A Remove the screw that secures the card's metal bracket to the chassis back panel.

B Push the card ejector lever down using the tip of a pencil or similar tool in the notch. *This will release the card from the connector.*

C Pull the card straight up to remove it.

Card Bracket

Ejector Lever

10 Install and Connect SATA Devices

A Install your SATA devices (Hard Disk Drive, Optical Drive, etc.). See the documentation that came with your chassis or SATA device for device installation.

B Connect both ends of the SATA data cable, one end to an available SATA port on the desktop board and the other to the connector at the rear of the SATA device.

C Connect the SATA power cable from the power supply to the power connector at the rear of the SATA device.

Repeat this procedure for each SATA device.

SATA Power Cable (from the Power Supply)

SATA Data Cable

Rear of a Hard Disk Drive

SATA Connector Detail

| SATA1 | SATA3 |
| SATA0 | SATA2 | SATA4 |

6 Gb/s SATA Connectors

11 Make Power Connections

A Connect the 2 x 2 power supply cable to the matching 2 x 2 power connector on the board.

B Connect the 2 x 12 power supply cable to the matching 2 x 12 power connector on the board. *Your power supply may have a 2 x 10 power cable, if so, connect as shown.*

C Ensure that the voltage setting on the rear of the power supply is set correctly.

⚠ Failure to use an appropriate power supply and/or not connecting the 12 V (2 x 2) power connector to the desktop board may result in damage to the board, or the system may not function properly.

2 x 2

115 or 230

2 x 12   OR   2 x 10

Pin 1   Pin 1

Rear of a power supply, your power supply may differ

12 Finishing up

A Connect a mouse and keyboard using any combination of the available USB ports.

B Connect a monitor using one of the available video ports.

C Connect the AC power cord to the back of the chassis and to a wall outlet.

Keyboard

Mouse

Monitor

To Chassis

To Wall Outlet

(USB 2.0)

DisplayPort*

HDMI*

DVI-I

SS (USB 3.0)

13 Software

A Turn on your computer and install an operating system.

B Insert the Intel® Express Installer DVD to install the necessary software to complete your desktop board integration. Go to: http://downloadcenter.intel.com to download the latest drivers.

C (Optional) For information on configuring your system for RAID, refer to the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology User Guide at: http://www.intel.com/p/en_US/support/highlights/chpsts/imsm.

Troubleshooting

If your system fails to boot:

- Ensure that the 2 x 2 power supply cable is plugged into the 12 V (2 x 2) processor core voltage connector on the desktop board.
- Disconnect all power and remove and re-insert the processor, memory, and any add-in cards to make sure they are fully seated. Restart the system.
- Remove any non-essential hardware components, reconnect the power, and restart the system.

If your system still does not boot, go to: http://www.intel.com/en_US/support/, select product support for Intel® Desktop Board DH87MC, and then select "Troubleshooting system 'no boot' issues". This web site contains extensive information to help you solve non-boot problems including a **No Boot Wizard**.
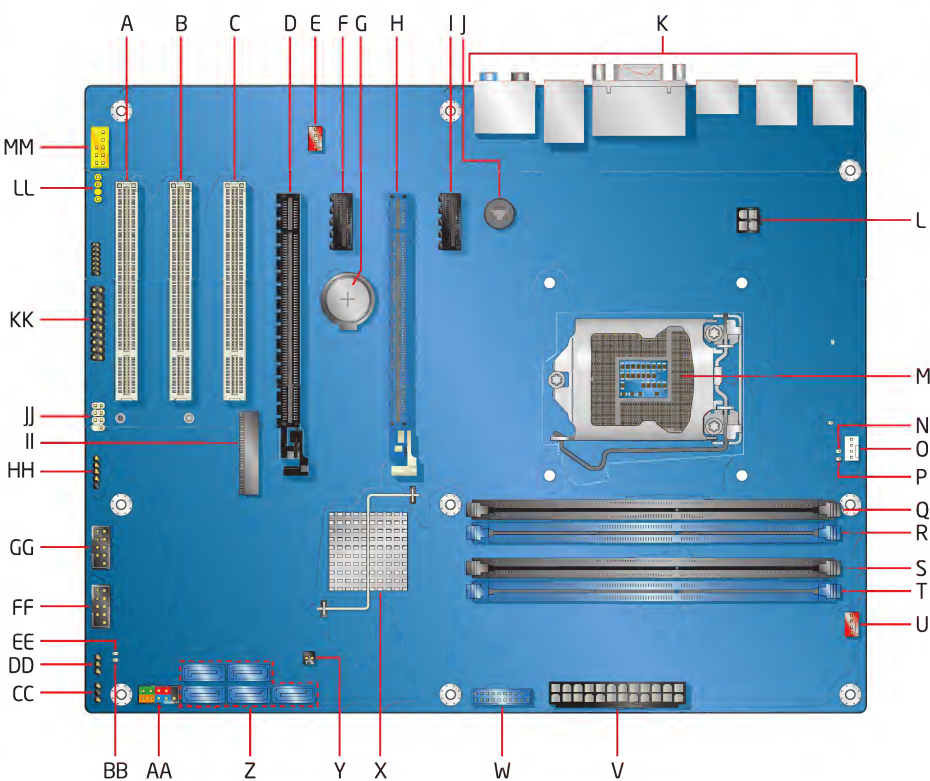
Beep Codes

When a repeating beep code is heard and your system does not boot or display video, the beeps indicate the following:

Beep Pattern	Problem
Two beeps (beep, beep [pause], beep, beep)	No video detected
Three beeps (beep, beep, beep [pause]) This beep pattern repeats until the system is powered off.	Memory error
High/Low beeps (high, low, high, low, high, low, high, low)	CPU thermal trip

For more information, go to: http://www.intel.com/support/motherboards/desktop/sb/cs-010249.htm

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Safety and Regulatory Information

Battery Warning

⚠ Risk of explosion if the battery is replaced with an incorrect type. Batteries should be recycled where possible. Disposal of used batteries must be in accordance with local environmental regulations.

FCC Declaration of Conformity

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

For questions related to the EMC performance of this product, contact:
Intel Corporation, 5200 N.E. Elam Young Parkway, Hillsboro, OR 97124
1-800-628-8686.

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The Environmentally Friendly Use Period (EFUP) for Intel Desktop Boards has been determined to be 10 years.

For detailed information about the desktop board's regulatory compliance, refer to the Technical Product Specification at:
http://www.intel.com/products/motherboard.

Reference

Desktop Board Components

A. PCI Connector
B. PCI Connector
C. PCI Connector
D. Secondary PCI Express x16 Connector
E. Rear Fan Header
F. PCI Express 2.0 x1 Connector
G. Battery
H. PCI Express x16 Connector
I. PCI Express 2.0 x1 Connector
J. Speaker
K. Back Panel Connectors
L. 12 V Power Connector (2 x 2)
M. Processor Socket
N. PROCHOT LED
O. Processor Fan Header
P. VR HOT LED
Q. DIMM 3 (Channel A, DIMM 0)
R. DIMM 1 (Channel A, DIMM 1)
S. DIMM 4 (Channel B, DIMM 0)
T. DIMM 2 (Channel B, DIMM 1)
U. Front Fan Header
V. Main Power Connector (2 x 12)
W. USB 3.0 Front Panel Connector
X. Intel® H87 PCH
Y. Chassis Intrusion Header
Z. SATA Connectors
AA. Front Panel Header
BB. Standby Power LED
CC. Alternate Front Panel Power LED Header
DD. BIOS Security Jumper
EE. Power Fault LED
FF. USB 2.0 Front Panel Header (Dual)
GG. USB 2.0 Front Panel Header (Dual)
HH. USB 2.0 Front Panel Header (Single)
II. PCI Express Full-Mini/Half-Mini Card Slot
JJ. Front Panel CIR Receiver (Input) Header
KK. TPM Header
LL. S/PDIF Header
MM. Front Panel HD Audio Header

Header and Connector Pinouts

USB 3.0 Front Panel

Key (no pin)	20	19	Vbus
Vbus	18	17	IntA_P1_SSRX-
IntA_P2_SSRX-	16	15	IntA_P1_SSRX+
IntA_P2_SSRX+	14	13	Ground
Ground	12	11	IntA_P1_SSTX-
IntA_P2_SSTX-	10	9	IntA_P1_SSTX+
IntA_P2_SSTX+	8	7	Ground
Ground	6	5	IntA_P1_D-
IntA_P2_D-	4	3	IntA_P1_D+
IntA_P2_D+	2	1	ID

USB 2.0 Front Panel (Dual)

Power (+5 V)	1	2	Power (+5 V)
D-	3	4	D-
D+	5	6	D+
Ground	7	8	Ground
Key (no pin)	9	10	No Connection

USB 2.0 Front Panel (Single)

+5 V	1	
D-	2	
D+	3	
Ground	4	
Key (no pin)	5	

Chassis Intrusion

Ground	1	
Intruder#	2	

TPM

PCICLK	1	2	Ground
FRAME	3	4	Key (no pin)
PCIRST	5	6	No Connection
LAD3	7	8	LAD2
+3.3 V	9	10	LAD1
LAD0	11	12	LAD1
No Connection	13	14	No Connection
+3.3 V SB	15	16	SERIRQ
Ground	17	18	CLKRUN
PWRDWN	19	20	No Connection

Front Panel

HD LED		+ Power LED
	1 2	
	3 4	
Reset	5 6	On/Off
	7 8	
+5 V	9	

Alternate Front Panel Power LED

+	1
	2
−	3

Front Panel HD Audio

Sense2_Ret	10	9	Port2L
Key (no pin)	8	7	Sense_Send
Sense1_Ret	6	5	Port2R
Presence#	4	3	Port1R
Ground	2	1	Port1L

S/PDIF

Ground	1	
S/PDIF Out	2	
Key (no pin)	3	
+5 VDC	4	

Front Panel CIR Receiver (Input)

Ground	1	2	LED
No Connection	3	4	Learn-In
+5 V Standby	5	6	Vcc
Key (no pin)	7	8	CIR Input

Back Panel Connectors

DVI-I

Line In

RJ45

S/PDIF Out

(USB 2.0)

DisplayPort

HDMI

SS (USB 3.0)
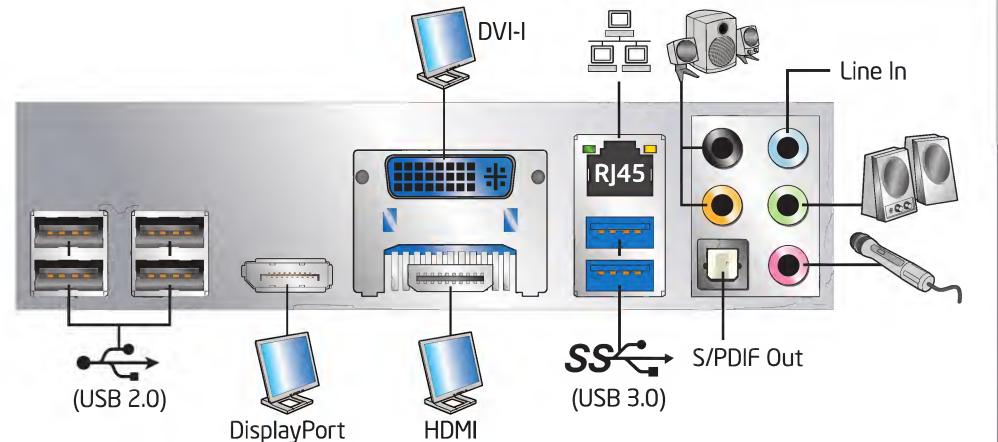
BIOS Reference

The BIOS (Basic Input/Output System) controls the computer's boot process. The purpose of the BIOS is to identify and initialize processor, memory, hard drives, optical drives, and other hardware.

BIOS Settings

For a list of BIOS settings along with their purpose and options, refer to the BIOS Glossary at:
http://www.intel.com/support/motherboards/desktop/sb/cs-020304.htm.

Updating the BIOS

You should update the BIOS on your board only if the newer BIOS version solves a specific problem you have. BIOS updates are available in Intel's Download Center at:
http://downloadcenter.intel.com/.
There are various methods of updating an Intel Desktop Board BIOS to the latest version. The number of methods available for any particular board model varies, depending on drive support and BIOS update file size. For update instructions, go to:
http://www.intel.com/support/motherboards/desktop/sb/CS-022312.htm.

Troubleshooting the BIOS

For tips on troubleshooting BIOS issues on Intel Desktop Boards, refer to:
http://www.intel.com/support/motherboards/desktop/sb/CS-028780.htm.

BIOS Security Jumper Settings:

1-2	Normal
2-3	Lockdown
No jumper	Configuration

Online Support

For more information on Intel Desktop Board DH87MC, consult the following online resources:

General board information	http://www.intel.com/products/motherboard/index.htm
Available board configurations	http://ark.intel.com
Supported processors	http://processormatch.intel.com
Chipset information	http://www.intel.com/products/desktop/chipsets/index.htm
BIOS and driver updates	http://downloadcenter.intel.com/
More integration information	http://www.intel.com/support/go/buildit
Customer support	http://www.intel.com/p/en_US/support?iid=hdr+support
Intel® Rapid Storage Technology	http://www.intel.com/p/en_US/support/highlights/chpsts/imsm
Tested memory	http://www.intel.com/support/motherboards/desktop/sb/cs-025414.htm